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The Appeal Brief filed on 23 June 2003 is defective for failure to comply with one or more provisions of 37 CFR 1.192(c). See MPEP § 1206.

To avoid dismissal of the appeal, applicant must file IN TRIPLICATE a complete new brief in compliance with 37 CFR 1.192(c) within the longest of any of the following three **TIME PERIODS**: (1) **ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS** from the mailing date of this Notification, whichever is longer; (2) **TWO MONTHS** from the date of the notice of appeal; or (3) within the period for reply to the action from which this appeal was taken. **EXTENSIONS OF THESE TIME PERIODS MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136.**

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As pointed out in paper #33, mailed January 9, 2004, the attached appendix of claims in the appeal brief, paper #29, filed June 23, 2003, is not consistent with the prior amendments of paper #10, filed September 29, 2000, re: claims 8-12, 14-18 and 50. Correction is required.

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1. The information disclosure statement filed December 27, 2000 has been received and considered but will not be relied upon for prior art. All of the rejections of record are maintained for reasons of record in the Final Office Action mailed October 21, 2002. The finality and statutory period for response of the Notification of Non-compliance with 37 CFR 1.192(c) are still maintained. Copies of the Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449, paper no. 12, have been attached to this letter.

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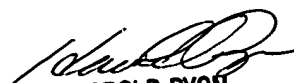
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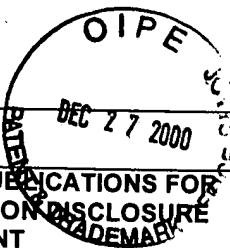
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